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OF THE

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Second Congregational Church,

CHICOPEE, Mass.

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HISTORICAL RECORD.

This Church was organized with thirty-three Members, July 3d, 1830, as the First Congregational Church in Chicopee Factory Village, Springfield, Mass.

PASTORS.

Names.	*Installed.*	*Dismissed.*
*Rev. Samuel Nichols,	July 3, 1830,	Feb. 28, 1834.
Rev. Dorus Clark,	Mar. 4, 1835,	Nov. 4, 1840.
Rev. Ebenezer P. Rogers,	Nov. 4, 1840,	April 10, 1843.
Rev. Frederic A. Barton,	Sept. 13, 1843,	Nov. 2, 1846.
*Rev. Steph. S. N. Greeley,	April 25, 1847,	July 20, 1851.
Rev. William Wright,	Feb. 25, 1852,	July 5, 1854.
*Rev. Richard B. Thurston,	May 20, 1855,	May 3, 1858.
Rev. Frederic Alvord,	July 21, 1858,	April 1, 1861.
Rev. Roswell Foster,	Oct. 13, 1863,	June 26, 1867.
Rev. Joshua T. Tucker,	April 8, 1868.	

*Stated Supply.

DEACONS.

Names.	*Chosen.*	*Retired.*
Judah Crosby,	July 3, 1830,	April 24, 1831.
Oliver Bowe,	April 24, 1831,	———1832.
James K. Fletcher,	June 5, 1831,	——— 1835.
Elisha Torrey,	Feb. 2, 1832,	July——, 1839.
Olney Eldridge,	May 20, 1835,	Nov. 19, 1846.
Joshua Cook,	July —, 1839,	De'd Feb.25,'59.
Elias Carter,	July 3, 1842,	Mar. 18, 1847.
Samuel F. Scammon,	May 6, 1850,	Nov. 27, 1853.
Andrew Hubbard,	June 20, 1857,	De'd Mar. 4,'67.
Geo. S. Taylor,	June 20, 1857.	
Russell S. Furney,	April 30, 1867.	
Miner Kelley,	May 1, 1869.	

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT.

THE doctrinal basis, on which this Church was organized, is expressed in the following articles.

While we deem it essential that all its members stand fast in the central truths of the Trinity in unity; the Deity, righteousness, and atonement of Christ; and the work of the Holy Spirit, as necessary to regenerate the soul, to preserve it in holiness, and to prepare it to enter the heavenly kingdom; we do not require an unqualified assent to all the articles herein contained as a condition of admission to this Church.

So far as is practicable, we desire uniformity of belief in all the doctrines of the Gospel, and that they should pass in daily review before the mind, and influence the heart and life; that our graces may become more vigorous, active and fruitful, our conformity to the divine likeness promoted, our joy and peace in Christ increased, and our fitness for the communion of the Church in heaven advanced.

We regard Divine Revelation as teaching—

I. That there is but one GOD, the Creator, Preserver and Moral Governor of the universe; a being of infinite power, knowledge, wisdom, justice, goodness and truth;

the self-existent, independent and immutable fountain of good; that the mode of divine existence is such as lays a foundation for a distinction into three persons—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one in essence, and equal in power and glory.

Deut. 6: 4.—"Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord."
I. Cor. 8: 4.—"There is none other God but one."
Gen. 1: 1.—"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth,"
Heb. 3: 4.—"He that built all things is God."
John 1: 3.—"All things were made by Him; and without him was not anything made that was made."
Mal. 3: 6.—"For I am the Lord, I change not."
Deut. 32: 4.—"A God of truth and without iniquity: just and right is he."
Col. 2: 3.—"In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,"
John 10: 30.—"I and my Father are One."
John 15: 26.—"Even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me."
Mat. 28: 19.—"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."
Ex. 34: 6 Ps. 147: 5 Rom. 16: 27. Lev. 19: 2. Eph. 2: 4. Job 11: 7. Eph. 1: 11. Jam. 1: 7. John 1: 34. Heb. 1: 3. John 5: 23; 5: 18. 10: 38. Heb 1: 8. John 1: 1. Matt. 28: 20. I. John 2: 22, 23. Acts 5: 3, 4. I Cor. 2: 10, 11. John. 16: 13; 14: 26. Acts 15: 28. II. Cor. 13: 14.

II. That the scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God; that they are profitable for doctrine, for correction, for reproof, and for instruction in righteousness; and that they are our only rule of doctrinal belief and religious practice.

II. Tim. 3: 16.—"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."
II. Peter 1: 21.—"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."
Isa 8: 20.—"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them."
Gal. 1: 11, 12. I. Cor. 2: 13. Jer. 23: 28. Rom. 3: 2. Heb. 1: 1. Rev. 1: 1, 2. John 6: 63. Deut. 4: 2. Rev. 22: 18, 19.

III. That God has made all things for himself; that known unto him are all his works from the beginning; and that he governs all things according to the counsel of his own will; that the divine law and the principles and administration of the divine government are perfectly holy, just and good; and that all rational beings are bound to approve of them as such.

Col. 1: 16.—"For by Him were all things created that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by Him and for Him."
Acts 15: 18.—"Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."
Deut 32: 4.—"He is the Rock, His work is perfect, for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."
Matt 22: 37.—"Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind."

Prov. 16: 4. Is. 43: 7. Rom. 11: 36. Rev. 22: 13. Job 31: 6. Ps. 139: 1, 4. Prov. 5: 21; 15: 3. Jer. 17: 10. Dan. 4: 35. Prov. 19: 21. Luke 22: 22. Acts 2: 23; 4: 27, 8. Phil. 2: 13. Is. 14: 24, 27. Gen. 45: 5, 7. Acts 17: 26. I. Tim. 1: 8. Rom. 7: 12.

IV. That God at first created man in his own image, in a state of rectitude and holiness, and that he fell from that state by transgressing the divine command in the article of forbidden fruit; that in consequence of the apostacy, the heart of man in his natural state, is destitute of holiness, and in a state of positive disaffection with the law, character and government of God; and that all men previous to regeneration are dead in trespasses and sins.

Gen. 1: 27.—"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."
Eph. 4: 24.—"Put on the new man which, after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness."
Gen. 3: 6.—"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."
Rom. 5: 17.—"For if by one man's offence death reigned by one."
Rom. 5: 12.—"Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."
Eph. 2: 1.—"And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins."
Eccl. 7: 20. Gen. 6: 5, 11; 8: 21. Job 14: 4; 15: 14. Ps. 14: 1, 3; 53: 3, 9; 51: 5; 58: 3. Isa. 1: 5, 6; 57: 6. Jer. 2: 13; 3: 5; 16: 12; 17: 9; 18: 12. Matt. 12: 34. Mark 7: 21, 22. John 3: 6, 9. Rom. 8: 5-8. Gal. 5: 19-21. Rom. 1: 29, 32; 3: 9; 19; 7: 18. Matt. 8: 22. II. Cor. 5: 14. Col. 2: 13. I. Peter 4: 3. I. Cor. 2: 14. Titus 3: 3-6.

V. That Christ, the Son of God, has by his obedience, sufferings and death made atonement for sin: that he is the only Redeemer of sinners; and that all who are saved will be altogether indebted to the grace and mercy of God for their salvation.

John 3: 16.—"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life."
Acts 4: 12.—"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."
Eph. 2: 8.—"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God."
Rom. 3: 24.—"Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."
Rom. 3: 25. Matt. 20: 28; 26: 28. Is. 53: 5, 10. Heb. 9: 14, 28. I. John, 2: 2. John 10: 11, 15, 17. I. Cor. 15: 3. II. Cor. 5: 15; 8: 9. Gal. 1: 3, 4; 2: 20; 3: 13; 4: 4, 5. Eph. 1: 7; 5: 2. I. Tim. 1: 15; 2: 6. Titus 2: 14. Heb. 2: 9; 9: 12, 14, 22; 10: 12, 14, 19, 20; 13: 12. Rev. 7: 13, 14.

VI. That although the invitations of the Gospel are such, that whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely; yet the depravity of the human heart is such, that no man will come to Christ, except the Father,

by the special and efficacious influences of his Spirit, draw him.

Rev. 22: 17.—"And the Spirit and the Bride say come, and let him that heareth say come, and let him that is athirst, come, and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." See also, Is. 55: 1.
John 6: 44.—"No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me, draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day."
Phil. 2: 13—"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."
Matt. 11: 28, 29. John 4: 10, 14; 6: 35; 7: 37. Heb 2: 3, 9. John 3: 19; 5: 40; 6: 44, 65. Ezek. 33: 11. Titus 3: 5. James 1: 18. Rom. 8: 30. Col. 2: 13. I. Peter 1: 23. II. Tim. 1: 9. I. Cor. 6: 11. Ezek. 36: 26. John 1: 12, 13; 6: 63.

VII. That those who embrace the gospel were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, that they should be holy, and without blame before him in love; and that they are saved, not by works of righteousness which they have done, but according to the distinguishing mercy of God, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

Eph. 1: 4—"According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."
Titus 3: 5—"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost."
II. Thes. 2: 13—"Because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth."
Eph. 1: 5, 11. Jer. 31: 3. Acts 13: 48. Rom. 8: 28–30, 33; 9: 11; 11: 5, 7, 28. Matt. 25: 34 I. Thes. 1: 4. II. Tim. 1: 9. I. Peter 1: 2. II. Peter 1: 10. Rom 3: 20, 28; Gal. 2: 16, 19; 3: 10, 11; 5: 4. Rom. 4: 13; 9: 23, 31, 32. Acts 13: 39.

VIII. That those who cordially embrace Christ, although they may be left to fall into sin, never will be left finally to fall away and perish; but will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Ps. 37: 24—"Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."
Phil. 1: 6—"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."
I. Cor. 1: 8—"Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."
John 6: 54—"Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."
John 10: 9—"I am the door: by me if any man enter in he shall be saved."
Rom. 8: 29, 30, 38, 39. John 4: 14, 6, 37; 10: 27–29; 17: 11, 12, 15. I. Peter 1: 5. Jude 24. Prov. 4: 18. I. Thess. 5: 9, 10, 24. II. Thes. 3: 3. I. Cor. 10: 13. Job 17: 9. John 6: 39, 40. Heb. 10: 39. John 5: 24. II. Tim. 4: 18. I. John 2: 19.

IX. That watchfulness over the life, holy meditation, a conscientious attendance upon public, family and secret worship, together with the steady practice of righteousness, truth, sincerity and charity towards man, and of

sobriety, chastity and temperance towards ourselves, are the indispensable duties of every Christian.

Ps. 1: 2--"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."
Heb. 10: 25--"Not forsaking the the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."
Jer. 10: 25--"Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name."
Matt. 6: 6--"But thou when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."
Matt. 22: 37- 39--"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."
Gal. 5: 22--24--"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."
John 20: 19- 29. Acts 1: 13, 14; 2: 1, 42; 20: 7. I. Cor. 5: 4; 14: 23. Jude 19. Josh. 24: 15. Gen. 18: 19. Micah 6: 8. Luke 6: 31. Rom 12: 17. Phil. 4: 8. Jam. 5: 4. Ps 31: 18. Prov. 6: 17. 12: 19. Rev. 21: 8. II. Cor. 1: 12. Luke 10: 27. I. Cor. 13. Matt. 5: 44. Luke 6: 27. Eph. 5: 18. Prov. 23: 21. Luke 21: 34. I. Cor. 6: 9, 10. Matt. 5: 28 Gal. 5: 19, 20, 21.

X. That there will be a general resurrection of the bodies both of the just and of the unjust; that all mankind must one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive a just and final sentence of retribution according to the deeds done in the body; and that at the day of judgment, the state of all will be unalterably fixed; and that the punishment of the wicked, and the happiness of the righteous will be endless.

John 5: 28 -29--"Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."
II. Thes. 1: 7 -10 -"When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven, with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction, from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe . . in that day.
Matt. 25: 34--"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."
Matt. 25: 41--"Then shall He say unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels."
Matt. 25: 46--"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal."
Acts 17: 31. Matt. 12: 36; 13: 49, 50; 16: 27. John 5: 22, 27. Acts 10: 42. Rom. 2: 5--11; 14: 10--12. Jude 6, 14, 15. II. Cor. 5: 10. II Peter 3: 7. Rev. 20: 12, 13; 22: 12. I. Thes. 4: 17. Ps. 11: 6; 145: 20. Prov. 10: 29. Isa. 3: 11; 50: 11. Matt. 3: 7, 12. Luke 3: 7, 9, 17. John 17: 12. Luke 13: 23--28. Matt. 13: 24- 30, 40--42, 47--50; 25: 11, 12, 30--46. John 8: 21--24. Luke 12: 10; 13: 3. Acts 1: 11. Dan. 12: 2, 3. Matt. 5: 12; 19: 29. Luke 18: 29 30 John 3: 14 -16. Rom. 6: 23 II. Tim. 4: 8. I. Peter 1: 4. Mark 9: 43, 44. John 3: 36. Luke 16: 26. Rev. 14: 10, 11.

XI. That Christ has a visible Church in the world, into which none in the sight of God but real believers,

and none in the sight of man but visible believers, have right of admission.

Acts 2: 47--"And the Lord added to the Church daily, such as should be saved."
II. Cor. 6: 17--"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you."
Ps. 50: 16--"But unto the the wicked God saith, what hath thou to do, to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth."
Matt. 16: 18; 18: 17. I. Cor. 1: 2. II. Cor. 1: 1. I. Thes. 1: 1--3. Acts 12: 5; 20: 28. I. Tim. 3: 15. Matt. 10: 32, 33. Rom. 10: 9, 10. I. Tim. 6: 12.

XII. That the sacraments of the New Testament are baptism and the Lord's supper; that believers in regular Church standing only can consistently partake of the Lord's supper, and that visible believers and their households only can consistently be admitted to the ordinance of baptism.

I. Cor. 11: 23--26--"That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks he brake it and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me.
After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood; this do ye, as often as ye drink it in remembrance of me.
For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death, till he come."
Matt, 28: 19--"Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."
Luke 18: 16--"But Jesus called them unto him and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."
Acts 2: 39--"For the promise is unto you, and to your children."
I. Cor. 7: 14--"For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband, else were your children unclean; but now they are holy."
Acts 16: 33--"And was baptized, he and all his, straightway."
Acts 16: 14, 15. I. Cor. 1: 16. Compare Gen. 17: 2--12, Matt. 19: 13, 14, with Rom. 4: 9, 17, Gal. 3: 7, 9, 17, 18, 19; 5: 1, 2.

ADMISSION TO THE CHURCH.

[After the names of candidates have been read, and while they are coming to the front of the pulpit, the minister shall say:]

Jesus saith, Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden; and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come: and let him that heareth say, Come: and let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

Dearly beloved—who have come hither to enter into covenant with Christ and his church—we trust that you realize the solemnity and blessedness of this confession of discipleship to him, and that He who has begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH.

We profess our belief in God, the Father Almighty, the Being of absolute perfection, the Creator, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe; who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son for its redemption:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was in the beginning with God and was God; who became man and suffered to take away the sin of the world; in whom alone we have redemption, being justified freely through faith in his blood: who rose from the dead, and ascended on high, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father as Mediator and Intercessor for men; whence he shall come to judge the world in righteousness:

And in the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, by whose inspiration the Scriptures were given; through whom we are renewed and sanctified from a life of sin to a life of holiness; who with the Father and the Son, together one God, is supremely to be loved and served, and alone to be adored:

And in One Church on earth and in heaven; and in one Baptism for the remission of sins; and in one Communion of the body and the blood of Christ; and we look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life immortal: AMEN.

This you confess as your Christian belief?

BAPTISM.

[To those baptized in childhood.]

You, who in childhood were given to God in holy baptism, do now accept that act of parental faith and love as your own act of consecration to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the sign of your present faith in him?

[Others to be now baptized will present themselves.]

THE COVENANT.

You now, in the presence of God and man, do avow the Lord Jehovah to be your God. You acknowledge the Father to be your Father, the Son to be your Saviour, the Holy Spirit to be your Sanctifier and Guide. You take God's word to be the rule of your life; and renouncing the dominion of this world, so far as it is opposed in pleasures or pursuits to the spirit of Christ, you consecrate both body and soul unto the service of God, promising by his help to keep your consecration faithfully unto the end.

You (each) do covenant with this Church to join in its ordinances and public worship; to submit to its rules and discipline; to strive for its purity and peace; to maintain (family and) secret prayer; and to honor, as God shall give you aid, your Christian vocation, by a life of piety towards God, and of beneficence and charity towards your fellow men.

[Members of the Church will rise.]

We then, the members of this Church of Christ, do joyfully receive you into our Communion, and promise to watch over you with Christian sympathy and love. We pledge you our prayers and our fellowship as members with us of the spiritual body of Christ. This we do, imploring of the Shepherd of Israel, our Lord and Redeemer, that both you and we may have grace to be faithful in his covenant, and to glorify him with the holiness which becometh his house forever.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. AMEN."

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS FROM OTHER CHURCHES.

On the Communion Sabbath, immediately after the admission of those who are received upon profession of faith, or, if there are none thus admitted, at the time which would be appropriated to that service, the names of those whose letters have been accepted are read, and, rising in their places, they are addressed as follows:

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS—You have already in a former connection, avowed your faith in the cardinal doctrines of the Gospel of Christ, and professed before the world your union with the great Head of the Church. Having closed your special relation to other organizations, and presented to us letters which we accredit as an honorable dismission from them, you are about to assume similar obligations, and enter into like engagements with us.

You do therefore accept the confession of faith, and adopt the covenant of this Church. You promise to sustain and submit to its fraternal discipline; to promote its order, piety and prosperity; to co-operate with its members in the maintenance of its ordinances; and endeavor to fulfill the duties which may be incumbent on you in our communion, walking in all things worthy of your high calling.

In behalf of this Church, I therefore, welcome you to its fellowship, and declare you entitled to all its privileges. We invite you to share its burdens with us, and make our cause your own; and in so doing assure you of our cordial confidence and sympathy. May we partake together of the present joys and the future rewards of faithfulness; and may the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd

of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

[The child being presented for baptism, after prayer the minister reads the]

BAPTISMAL COVENANT.

BELOVED IN THE LORD:

Presenting *this child* for Baptism, you profess your faith in the Covenant made by God with Abraham, ratified by Christ, and perpetuated under the Christian dispensation.

You believe that it includes not only the people of God but also their offspring, and that its seal is, therefore, to be applied to both.

Having, as you trust, accepted it for yourself, and desiring its blessings for your *child*, you claim this ordinance in *his* behalf.

You thus publicly dedicate *him* to the service of God, and relying upon divine grace, solemnly engage to bring *him* up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

You also place *him* under the watch and care of this Church, asking for *him* the enjoyment of its privileges, and the application of its means of grace, and promising to employ all suitable influences in your power to prepare *him* for full admission to the visible church on earth, and the church triumphant in heaven.

Do you assent to this as a true declaration of your faith and purpose?

In view of these professions and engagements, I baptize this child (A. B.) into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. AMEN.

You have made a voluntary consecration of your child to God, and pledged yourselves to train *him* for the Lord. I therefore charge you, as you would secure the blessings of the covenant for your household, that you *remember* the promises this day made in the presence of many witnesses. The words that God hath commanded you, these shall you teach diligently unto your children; you shall talk of them when you sit in the house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. Take heed, moreover, that you add to your instructions the power of a consistent Christian example.

Thus Abraham, the father of the faithful, entered into covenant with God for himself and his seed after him, and commanded his children and his household to keep the way of the Lord.

May you prove equally faithful, and may the blessing of Abraham's God be with you and yours forever. AMEN.

STANDING RULES.

ADOPTED JUNE 29, 1857.

I.

The regular Officers of this as a Congregational Church, shall be a Pastor, and two or more Deacons. The Deacons shall distribute the alms of the Church with watchful care that none in need are neglected.

II.

The Annual Meetings of this Church shall be held during the week preceding the first Sabbath in May, at which time shall be chosen by ballot,

1st. In the absence of the Pastor, a Moderator.

2d. A Clerk, who shall keep a full and fair record of all business transactions of the Church, and preserve such papers and correspondence as may be deemed important.

3d. A Treasurer, who shall receive and pay over (under the direction of the officers of the church,) such moneys as may be collected for various purposes, and report to the Church at its Annual Meeting, the several amounts, and the disposition made of them.

4th. A Church Committee, not exceeding five, whose duty it shall be to assist the Pastor in the examination of

candidates for admission to the Church, and to act as a Committee of inquiry and discipline.

III.

Extra meetings for business may be called by the Pastor, or by any three members of the Church.

IV.

Persons wishing to unite with this Church by profession, must be examined at a meeting of the Church publicly appointed for this purpose, and propounded at least one week before they can be received; and if within this time there is no objection by any member of this Church, they may present themselves for admission.

V.

Persons wishing to unite with this Church by letter from other Evangelical Churches, are required to meet the Pastor and Committee, and their letters must be publicly read at least one week before the Communion Sabbath. If no objection is made to any officer before that day, they will then be received in the form prescribed by this Church.

VI.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper shall be administered on the first Sabbath of each alternate month, commencing with January; and a collection shall be taken up at the close of the *Preparatory Lecture.*

VII.

Requests for dismission shall be publicly announced, and if no objection is made to any officer of the Church within one week, the letters shall be granted.

VIII.

Members removing from this vicinity are expected to give notice of such removal to one of the officers of the Church. They are also expected to transfer their relation to the Church with which they may commune, within a reasonable time.

It is expected that members of other Churches, who may wish to commune with this Church for more than one year, will request a dismission from their respective Churches, and an admission to this Church, unless they give satisfactory reasons for the delay, to the Committee.

IX.

Whenever as individuals, we are convinced we have injured our fellow members, we regard it as an imperative duty not to wait for them to come and tell us our faults, but to go immediately and seek to make all suitable reparation, and to become reconciled to them.

X.

In cases of offence against us personally, or of offence against the general interests of religion known only to one or two, the rule in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew should be always observed: "If thy brother shall trespass against thee go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone." Till this is done in a Christian spirit, the offence should never be mentioned to another person. If the offending member in this private interview will not hear us, we are to take with us one or two brethren, that they may aid us by their counsel, and become witnesses to the manner and spirit in which we perform our duty, and the effect on the offender, and if possible, by their frater-

nal intervention, secure a reconciliation between us. But if he shall refuse to hear them, we are to tell it unto the Church.

When the offence is general and known to many, it is the duty of the Committee to notice it agreeably to the same rule,—first, one of them in private, and then with two others.

Offences that are very aggravated and scandalous may require a more summary process of discipline.

XI.

Charges to be brought before the Church against an offending member should be put in the hands of the Moderator, distinctly specified in writing, that he may advise of any mistake or neglect in reference to them, furnish a copy of them to the accused, and cite him to appear at a specified time and place, to answer to them before the Church, which shall be convened at the special call of the Moderator.

XII.

The Rules of this Church shall be read annually at the Preparatory Lecture next preceding the first Sabbath in May; or at such other time as the Pastor may prefer.

XIII.

These rules may be altered or amended by vote of a majority of the members present, at any meeting of the Church called for that purpose.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

ADMISSION TO THE CHURCH.

It is desirable that persons wishing to unite with this Church, either by letter or profession, should meet the pastor at his study, on Monday evening, two weeks previous to the communion season.

THE COMMUNION SEASON.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is administered on the afternoon of the first Sabbath in January, March, May, July, September and November. The Preparatory Lecture is preached on the preceding Thursday evening.

BAPTISMS.

Children may be baptized on any Sabbath afternoon, by speaking to the pastor in the morning. A paper containing the name of the child and of the parents, and also the date of its birth, should be given to the minister before the commencement of the afternoon service.

COLLECTION AT THE PREPARATORY LECTURE.

This collection is taken up in part for the relief of the needy members of the Church; and those who know

of such cases as require assistance are requested to mention them to the Pastor, or to one of the Deacons.

CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS.

Collections are taken up during the year for the folowing objects, and at the times mentioned; and for other objects when deemed expedient by the Pastor and Church Committee:

Foreign Missions, first Sunday of	January, March, July, September.
Home Missions, first Sunday of	May, November.
Seamen,	February.
Bible,	April.
American Missionary Association,	June.
Hampden Conf.: Home Evangelization Fund (or) American Education Society,	October.
Congregational Publishing Board, (or) American and Foreign Christian Union,	December.

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

PASTOR.

REV. JOSHUA T. TUCKER.

Stated Supply, Sept. 1, 1867. Installed, April 8, 1868.

DEACONS.

GEO. S. TAYLOR,
RUSSELL S. FURNEY,
MINER KELLEY.

CHURCH COMMITTEE.

GEO. S. TAYLOR, RUSSELL S. FURNEY,
MINER KELLY, T. W. CARTER,
JOHN R. WHITTEMORE.

TREASURER.

B. B. BELCHER.

CLERK.

J. E. TAYLOR.

CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS,

JUNE 1, 1870.

A

NAMES.	HOW.	WHEN.
Alvord, Mrs. Jemima	West Springfield,	Mar. 3, 1839.
Alden, Mrs. Savilla N.	Profession,	April 6, 1856.
Alden, George J.	do.	July 25, 1858.
Alvord, Samuel	do.	May 6, 1864.
Alvord, Mrs. Mary	do.	do.
Anderson, Munroe	do.	May 1, 1864.
Albro, Mrs. Rhoda	do.	do.

B

Buckland, Mrs. Lydia	Profession,	Jan. 5, 1834.
Bartlett, Mrs. Delia	Hadley,	Sept. 2, 1838.
Burke, Mrs. Betsey	Glastenbury, Ct.,	May 3, 1840.
Bisbe, Phila	Profession,	Mar. 1846.
Bartlett, Mary E.	do.	April 6, 1856.
Bartlett, Mrs. Ellen F.	New Britain, Ct.,	Mar. 4, 1860.
Barnes, Merrick M.	Profession,	May 1, 1864.
Bullock, Horace W.	do.	do.
Bardwell, Willis	do.	do.
Burnet, Mrs. Ellen M.	do.	July 3, 1864.
Belcher, Bildad B.	do.	Sept. 3, 1865.
Becker, Susan A.	do.	Mar. 1, 1868.
Boyd, Henry J.	1st Pres. Ch. Pike, N. Y.	do.
Boyd, Mrs. Orlina A.	2d Baptist, Westfield,	do.
Bullard, J. H.	Barre,	Mar. 7, 1869.
Bullard, Mrs. Martha G.	do.	do.
Bannister, Mrs. Jane	Pres. Montreal,	do.

C

NAMES.	HOW.	WHEN.
Chapin, Mrs. Alice	2d Ch. Springfield,	May 17, 1835.
Carpenter, Mrs. Jenette	South Hadley Canal,	May 5, 1839.
Corey, Leonard	Granby,	Sept. 5, 1841.
Cook, Orinda	Ware Village,	May 7, 1843.
Carter, Mrs. Eliza H.	Newburyport,	Mar. 3, 1844.
Chapman, Mrs. A. G.	Longmeadow,	May 5, 1844.
Carter, T. W.	Profession,	April 6, 1856.
Carter, Julia M.	do.	do.
Carter, Harriet L.	do.	July 25, 1858.
Carter, Mary Harriet	do.	do.
Chase, Hurbert	do.	Jan. 2, 1859.
Cochran, Isaac N.	1st Ch. Chicopee,	July 1, 1860.
Cochran, Mrs. Sally D.	do.	do.
Carver, Almira Elizabeth	Profession,	Nov. 4, 1860.
Cole, Mrs. Clarissa	M. E. Ch. Chic. Falls,	Mar. 3, 1861.
Cooley, James E.	Profession,	May 1, 1864.
Cooley, Mrs. Mary	M. E. Ch. Chic. Falls,	do.
Carter, Isabella	Profession,	do.
Corey, Sylvester L.	do.	do.
Coolidge, Charles E.	do.	do.
Cochran, Mrs. Sally G.	1st Ch. Chicopee,	July 3, 1864.
Carter, Mrs. Ellen M.	Newburyport,	Jan. 1, 1865.
Conwell, Mrs. Jenny P.	Profession,	Mar. 3, 1867.
Clarke, Mrs. Kate E.	do.	Mar. 1, 1868.
Coolidge, Mrs. Lucy W.	Lowell,	May 3, 1868.
Canterbury, Mrs. Ellen	Pelham,	Mar. 7, 1869.
Canterbury, Ellen M.	Profession,	do.
Crawford, Samuel	do.	Jan. 2, 1870.
Carter, Charles F.	do.	do.

D

Davenport, Mrs. B. A.	Norwich, Ct.,	Nov. 6, 1842.
Dunbar, Betsey	1st Ch. Palmer,	May 1, 1864.

E

F

NAMES.	HOW.	WHEN.
Fisk, Laura	Letter,	July 5, 1835.
Furney, Russell S.	West Springfield,	July 3, 1842.
Fay, Mrs. Emily	Profession,	July 4, 1852.
Follet, Mrs. Emeline E.	do.	April 6, 1855.
Furney, Lucius A.	do.	April 6, 1856.
Fay, Arthur H.	do.	May 1, 1864.
Fox, Granville	do.	do.
Fuller, Mrs. Harriet A.	do.	do.
Flint, Anna	do.	do.
Furney, Elliot E.	do.	do.
Flint, James	Thorndike,	May 3, 1868.
Flint, Mrs. Celinda P.	do.	do.
Fay, Hamilton	Profession,	Mar. 7, 1869.

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Griggs, David B.	Profession,	July 3, 1842.
Goff, Mrs. Cynthia	1st Ch. Palmer,	May 1, 1864.
Greene, Mrs. Sophia	Lewiston, Me.,	Nov. 6, 1864.
Gorton, Osmund	Episcopal Ch.,	Mar. 7, 1869.
Gorton, Mrs. Mary	do.	do.
Granger, Angelica K.	Profession,	do.
Gasner, James C.	do.	Jan. 2, 1870.
Gasner, Mrs. Susan J.	do.	do.

H

Hendrick, Mrs. Sarah	Monson,	Jan. 1, 1837.
Holcomb, Mrs. R. W.	Profession,	May 1, 1853.
Hildreth, Mrs. Jane	do.	do.
Holcomb, E. V. B.	do.	April 6, 1856.
Hubbard, Harvey B.	do.	July 25, 1858.
Hamilton, Mrs. Julia	Enfield,	July 25, 1858.

NAMES.	HOW.	WHEN.
Houghton, Mrs. Esther	4th Ch. Hartford.	Nov. 7, 1858.
Houghton, George A.	Profession,	Jan. 2, 1859.
Hunter, Lavinia E.	Longmeadow,	May 1, 1859.
Hoisington, Mrs, Abigail	North Ch. Springfield,	Jan. 1, 1860.
Hoisington, Marcia M.	Profession,	Mar. 6, 1864.
Hamilton, Homer	do.	do.
Houghton, Cornelius J.	do.	May. 1, 1864.
Hull, Ambrose A.	Farmington, Ct.,	do.
Hull, Mrs. Jane Louisa	do.	do.
Hull, Anna Louisa	Profession,	do.
Hubbard, Nellie	do.	do.
Humphries, Mrs. Susan M.	do.	July 3, 1864.
Hayden, Mrs. Lucinda E.	do.	Mar. 3, 1867.
Hubbard, Mrs. Jennie	do.	May 3, 1868.

J

Jewell, Mrs. Phebe P.	3d Ch. Chicopee,	July 4, 1863.
Johnson, Mrs. R. A.	Profession,	Mar. 6, 1864.

K

Kimball, Lucy W.	Profession,	Sept. 3, 1848.
Kelley, Miner	3d Ch. Chicopee,	Nov. 1, 1850.
Kelley, Mrs. Calista	Profession.	April 6, 1856.
Kendall, Henry B.	3d Ch. Chicopee,	July 25, 1858.
Kendall, Mrs. Cordelia S.	do.	do.
Knight, Franklin R.	East Hampton,	May 3, 1868.
Kelley, Lovina A.	Profession,	Jan. 2, 1870.

L

Leggett, Olive	1st Bap. Williamsb'g, N.Y.	July 5, 1868.
Lyon, Henry N.	Profession,	Jan. 2, 1870.

M

NAMES.	HOW.	WHEN.
Monger, Alfred S.	Profession,	May 1, 1864.
Monger, Mrs. Jane M.	do.	do.
Miller, Andrew	do.	do.
Miller, Mrs. Ellen	Pres. Ch. Montreal,	July 5, 1868.
Miller, Mrs. Jeannette	Profession,	Mar. 7, 1869.
Miller, Andrew H.	do.	Jan. 2, 1870.
Mayberry, William H.	do.	do.

N

Nichols, Darius B.	Profession,	May 1, 1859.
Nichols, Mrs. Dorcas F.	Willimantic, Ct.,	do.
Nettleton, Mrs. Mary E.	Holliston,	Nov. 1, 1868.

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P

Patten, Rachel	King's Mills, Ireland,	Nov. 3, 1850.
Parsons, Charlotte	Profession,	May 1, 1853.
Parsons, Emeline	do.	Sept. 7, 1856.
Peb'es, Sarah	do.	May 1, 1864.
Pierce, Levi M.	Uxbridge,	May 3, 1868.
Pierce, Mrs. Mary H.	So. Paris, Me.,	do.
Phipps, Henry	Ea. Woodstock, Ct.,	do.

R

NAMES.	HOW.	WHEN.
Reed, Mrs. Catherine	Profession,	1840.
Reed, Catherine	Lowell,	1840.
Rumrill, Mrs. Drucilla	Profession,	July 2, 1848.
Reed, Lucy	do.	May 6, 1849.
Reed, Andrew A.	do.	May 1, 1864.
Rumrill, Fanny A.	do.	May 3, 1868.
Ross, Mrs. Anne T.	Holliston,	May 2, 1869.

S

Swetland, Mrs. P.	West Springfield,	Mar. 15, 1843.
Swetland, Chloe	do.	do.
Swetland, Mary B.	Profession,	Mar. 8, 1846.
Seaver, Mrs. Maria	do.	Sept. 3, 1848.
Swetland, Eliza E.	do.	May 6, 1849.
Severy, Mrs. Clarissa	So. Ch. Springfield,	Jan. 2, 1859.
Severy, Silas	Profession,	Mar. 6, 1859.
Stetson, Mrs. Sarah E.	do.	do.
Seaver, Charles H.	do.	May 1, 1859.
Severy, George M.	do.	Nov. 4, 1860.
Stevens. Mrs. Jane F.	do.	May 1, 1864.
Severy, Julia Gould	do.	do.
Severy, Elizabeth Ann	do.	do.
Steele, Mrs. Jane M.	do.	July 3, 1864.
Smith, Theodore F.	do.	do.
Spencer, Mrs. Lonisa J.	Hanover, N. H.,	July 5, 1868.
Smith, Mrs. Sally	So Hadley,	May 7, 1869.
Smith, Mrs. Anna M.	Providence, R. I.,	do.

T

NAMES.	HOW.	WHEN.
Taylor, Sylvester	So. Hadley	July 3, 1830.
Taylor, Mrs. Sarah	Profession,	May 1, 1842.
Taylor, George S.	do.	July 2, 1848.
Taylor, Mrs. Asenath B.	do.	do.
Taylor, Mrs. Elizabeth	Pittsfield, N. H.,	Apr. 25, 1852.
Taylor, Charles A.	Profession,	May 7, 1854.
Taylor, Mrs. Delia W.	do.	Apr. 6, 1856.
Taylor, Varnum N.	do.	do.
Taylor, James E.	do.	do.
Taylor, Mrs. Electa B.	Manchester, Ct.,	do.
Trumbull, Julius	do.	Mar. 6, 1864.
Taylor, Ela S.	Profession,	May 1, 1864.
Tucker, Joshua T.	Holliston,	Apr. 8, 1868.
Tucker, Mrs. Anne D.	do.	Nov. 1, 1868.
Tucker, Mrs. Wealthy	do.	May 2, 1869.
Taylor, Mrs. Louisa B.	Profession,	Mar. 7, 1869.
Taylor, Arthur B.	do.	Jan. 2, 1870.

Taylor, Mrs. Jane E. — May 1. 1864

V

Valentine, Mrs. Mary	Patterson, N. J.	Jan. 11, 1847.

W

Waters, Mrs. Mary	So. Hadley Canal,	May 2, 1841.
Wright, Diana	Profession,	Sept. 5, 1841.
West, Bailey	do.	July 2, 1848.
West, Mrs. Ann S.	do.	do.
Wise, Mrs. Harriet	do.	Sept. 3, 1848.
Whittemore, Mrs. P. C.	Granby,	Jan. 2, 1853.
Whittemore, John R.	Union Ch. Worcester,	do.

THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY

NAMES.	HOW.	WHEN.
Whittemore, Jonathan R.	do.	do.
Whittemore, David H.	Leicester,	June 25, 1855.
White, Alfred B.	3d Ch. Medway,	Jan. 6, 1856.
White, Mrs. Harriet F.	do.	do.
Williams, Mrs. Sarah A.	Profession,	Apr. 6, 1856.
Whittemore, Mrs. O. M.	do.	July 25, 1858.
Wallace, Mrs. Sarah H.	do.	May 1, 1864.
West, James Henry	do.	do.
Wood, Norris R.	3d Ch. Chicopee,	do.
Woodhull, Mrs. Ann	Profession,	Mar. 1, 1868.

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